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During my first year in London, I have called on 71 Ambassadors, and received calls from 70 Ambassadors or Ministers. There are still about 15 Ambassadors to whom I must pay return visits. All of them arrived after I did. At a rough guess, I figure I have spent about 160 hours in twelve months, making and receiving such calls. This becomes quite a formidable undertaking, if one also reckons the time spent on other occasions with colleagues. For those Ambassadors who attend National Days with any degree of regularity, it would require at least four weeks, of 40 hours each, to meet such obligations in the course of a year. Members of the Diplomatic Corps frequently discuss ways of cutting down on the time required for these functions, but have never been able to reach any accord as to how to do so.

March 17, 1962 - Saturday

Sasha arrived early this morning, after an uneventful, but long, trip, since, instead of leaving from Baltimore, she went to New York. The whole family is now reunited. Tonight, E and I, and the three children, went to see the play, "Signpost for Murder". It was rather gruesome, but with an excellent cast. We were home at 8:15, ready to devour masses of spaghetti.

March 18, 1962 - Sunday

The ground is covered with frost this morning, as has been the case for days. At 8:00 o'clock, the temperature for the past week has been slightly below freezing. The flowers and shrubs in the garden are about a month behind their blooming time of last year. The ducks are just beginning to pair off and search for nesting places in the bushes.

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Sylvia and Bill Clark came to see us this afternoon, with John Mowinckel, PAO in Paris. He had been in on Mrs. Kennedy's trip to Rome. Her plane stopped in Paris for 45 minutes. The French Airport Manager, with real Gallic imagination,

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